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**DOE MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Media Invited to Tour Hanford Plutonium Vault**

- Who:** Representatives of the DOE Richland Operations Office, contractor CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and Plutonium Finishing Plant employees
- What:** Workers at the Hanford Site have finished moving special nuclear material containing plutonium out of the site's Plutonium Finishing Plant. From 1949-1989, Hanford produced nearly two-thirds of the plutonium used in the country's nuclear weapons program.
- When:** **Thursday, December 17, 2009, 9:30 a.m.**
- Where:** Federal Building, 825 Jadwin Ave., Richland (meet in the lobby no later than 9:30 a.m.). Transportation to the Hanford Site will be provided, with an expected return time of 1 p.m. Bring photo ID and wear closed-toed, sturdy shoes. Part of the event may be held outdoors, weather permitting.
- Why:** With the special nuclear material out of the plant, the Department of Energy and its contractors have changed security requirements at the plant. The new security posture makes it easier for deactivation and decontamination workers to enter the plant and for workers to move cleanup debris out of the plant.
- Audio/Video:** Vaults where plutonium was stored and rooms where plutonium was prepared for shipment. Video of speakers' remarks to plant workers.

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*Media Invited to Tour Plutonium Finishing Plant, cont'd*

**RSVP:** For security purposes, attendees must register in advance, providing the following information no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, to Cameron Salony, Department of Energy, by e-mail or phone ([Cameron\\_H\\_Salony@RL.gov](mailto:Cameron_H_Salony@RL.gov) or (509) 376-0402):

- Full name exactly as it appears on photo ID (driver's license)
- Social Security Number, date of birth, place of birth (city, state)
- Confirm U.S. Citizenship
- Name, address, and phone number of media organization

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